(b) Yes, Sir. Government of Uttar Pradesh has awarded the contract.

(c) The work is in progress and is targeted to be completed by March 2004.

Pollution Check

2472. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a vehicle is now mandatory for pollution check after every three months and there are more than 30 lakh vehicles in the Capital;

(b) whether the fake pollution vehicle certificates are easily available on payment of premium in Noida, Gurgaon and Faridabad adjoining cities of the Capital;

(c) if so, the steps being taken to check the malpractice;

(d) whether Government propose to make the pollution check compulsory at least once in six months or in a year instead of three months keeping in view the problems of vehicle owners; and

(e) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Rule 115 (7) of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 prescribes that the "Pollution Under Control' Certificate shall be valid for six months or any lesser period as may be specified by the State Government from time to time.The Government of National CapitalTerritory of Delhi has specified the validity of "Pollution Under Control' Certificate in the National Capital Territory of Delhi as three months. It is a fact that there are more than thirty lakh registered vehicles in the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

(b) and (c)The "Pollution Under Control' Certificates are issued by the agencies authorised by the State Governments. Hence, it is the responsibility of concerned State Governments to check fake certificates. No specific complaint about issue of fake certificates in Noida, Gurgaon and Faridabad has come to the notice of this Ministry.

(d) Government of National CapitalTerritory of Delhi has intimated

that they have written to the Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control)' Aurhority for the National Capital Region to consider extension of validity period of "Pollution Under Control Certificate" from three months to six months.

(e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

Golden Quardrilateral Project

2473. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress achieved so far by the National Highways Authority of India on the Golden Quadrilateral, East-West and South-North Projects;

(b) whether any major obstacles are being faced for funds tie-up;

(c) the sections of National Highway Development Project (N.H.D.R) which are being tolled; and

(d) the details of the economic benefits, especially employment that woud accrue from this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) The progress achieved so far is as under:

(i)	Golden Quardrilateral Project (GQ) Total Length		5846 km
	Already 4-laned Under implementation Balance for award of contract		1159 km
			4603 km
(ii)	North-South & East-West Corridor Project Total length (Approx)		84 km
	Already 4-laned	:	773 km
	Under implementation	:	715 km
	Balance for award of contracts	:	5812 km

(b) Resource mobilisation is a continuous process. No major problems have been faced so far.